

**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Criminal Investigation Division
Investigative Activity Report**

Case Number:

1000-0487

Case Title:

Pacific Steel and Recycling

Subject of Report:

20160216 Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Clean Harbors

Reporting Office:

Seattle, WA, Area Office

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February 16, 2016

Reporting Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Special Agent

25-FEB-2016, Signed by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Approving Official and Date:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

29-FEB-2016, Approved by: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Special Agent in Charge

SYNOPSIS

On February 16, 2016, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), a Field Services (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for Clean Harbors Environmental, regarding his knowledge of the Pacific Steel and Recycling release of chlorine gas on August 12, 2015.

DETAILS

On February 16, 2016, I interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), a Field Services (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) for Clean Harbors Environmental, regarding his knowledge of the Pacific Steel and Recycling release of chlorine gas on August 12, 2015. After being notified of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), in substance, provided the following information:

After the chemical release on August 12, 2015, Clean Harbors Environmental (CHE) was contracted by Pacific Steel and Recycling (PSR) to clean up and decontaminate the facility. He was the manager of the CHE response and was on the PSR facility scene in an administrative support role.

CHE was in the process of the decontamination process of the PSR facility when requests for PSR employee personal items were being received by CHE. The personal items were items such as keys, wallets and backpacks. As part of this recovery process, the PSR breakroom was scheduled to be decontaminated by CHE personnel. All of the personal items were scheduled to be decontaminated and turned over to PSR representative, not the PSR employees directly.

CHE employee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) brought a lunch pail back to the decontamination area in order to process the item and return it to the owner. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) opened the lunch pail and found a synthetic urine kit located inside. He is not aware if there was a name on the lunch pail. He witnessed the synthetic urine kit through an office window as it was being decontaminated. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) explained that it was a synthetic urine kit.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of CHE contacted representatives of PSR in regards to the finding. A PSR representative arrived at the scene and took custody of the synthetic urine kit. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and he were the only CHE personnel to view the kit. He does not believe any CHE paperwork was completed regarding this incident.

He did not have any conversations with the PSR representative regarding the synthetic urine kit and he does not believe any photos were taken of the synthetic urine kit.

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After the synthetic urine kit was turned over to the PSR representative, a PSR employee who claimed to own the lunch pail approached the CHE personnel in order to obtain the lunch pail. This employee was directed to PSR management as it was not in CHE's possession. He cannot remember the person's name, but would describe him as a white male with a tan and being skinny and short. He saw the PSR employee from a distance.

In his opinion, it is very unusual to find this type of item when working in a contaminated area. The Clean Harbor policy on drugs found is to notify law enforcement, but in this case law enforcement was not notified.

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